

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 6952

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FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: INCREASE MSG COMPLEMENT LONDON

1. YOU WILL RECALL THE EMBASSY, IN LONDON'S 14435 OF DECEMBER 7, 1973, REQUESTED THAT ITS MARINE GUARD COMPLEMENT BE INCREASED BY TWO POSITIONS. GIVEN THE PACE AND SCOPE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND SPECIFIC IMPACT THESE HAPPENINGS HAVE ON OUR PROGRAMS, WE FEEL THERE IS A NEED TO ADD THESE TWO MARINE GUARDS SOONEST. WE ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT WIDESPREAD LETTER BOMBINGS, ABOUT THE INCREASING INDISCRIMINATE BOMBINGS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PLACES, AND ABOUT SPECIFIC AND GENERAL THREATS AGAINST AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

2. ON JANUARY 8, 1974 WE MET WITH FOREIGN AND COMMON-WEALTH OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CURRENT MEASURES TO PROTECT THE AMBASSADOR AND CHANCERY. WHILE BRITISH OFFICIALS OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO DO THEIR PART, THEY ARE STRETCHED THIN AND CAN OFFER NO SECURITY SUPPORT BEYOND LIMITED SERVICES PROVIDED PRESENT TIME. IMPROVEMENT IN OUR SECURITY PROGRAMS THEREFORE Hinges ON OUR ABILITY TO INCREASE OUR OWN RESOURCES. CLEARLY THE PRESENCE OF TWO ADDITIONAL GUARDS WILL MEASUREABLY STRENGTHEN OUR OVERALL POSTURE. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD

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ASSIGNMENT LONDON SOONEST.

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